

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 13, 2016

**SUBMITTED TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**SUBMITTED BY:** JANEEN LAUDENBACK, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**SUBJECT:** **CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION  
MASTER PLAN**

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**Statement of Issue:** There is a need for Community Services Commission to review the final draft of the City of Huntington Beach Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan).

**Funding Source:** Park Acquisition and Development Fund.

**Recommended Action:** No Commission action is being requested at this time. Commission approval will be requested at the February 10, 2016 Community Services Commission meeting.

**Analysis:** The completion of a comprehensive citywide Master Plan is included within the Recreational Element of the City's General Plan and staff has been directed to complete the plan. The firm of RJM Design Group, Inc. has been approved by City Council to work with City staff to complete the Master Plan and identify and address overall objectives for the development/renovation and refurbishing of the City's park and recreation areas and facilities. The Master Plan serves as a guide and implementation tool for the management and development of parks and recreation facilities within the city boundaries.

The completion of the Master Plan consisted of phases in which RJM worked with City staff to review the scope of services and research the City's background, demographics and trends; inventoried and classified existing city parks and recreation facilities as well as potential sites for future projects; and analyzed recreation facility needs through public outreach. RJM conducted various interviews and questionnaires to the community, including three Community Workshops. Based upon the comments and input received from the public during the Master Plan process, RJM compiled and provided recommendations for continued program development, and facility and recreation program needs specific to the City.

The Master Plan builds on previous planning efforts and provides an up-to-date understanding of the current and future recreation and program needs, and opportunities for parks and other open space and undeveloped areas within the City for

the next five years, as the Master Plan is intended to be flexible as the city responds to changes in needs and city priorities. The Master Plan will assist staff, Commission and Council with prioritizing projects and addressing funding challenges. Given the City's need for a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, staff is anticipating Community Services Commission approval of the Master Plan as presented at the February 10, 2016 Community Services Commission meeting. A copy of the Master Plan can be viewed on the City Webpage at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/community\\_services](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/community_services).

**Environmental Status:** Various projects identified in the Master Plan will be subject to the appropriate environmental process at the time of development.

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